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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A container storage box for storage of a deformable container which comprises a flexible region and is capable of discharging fluidity contents for image formation when placed into a container loading part of an image forming apparatus, the container storage box comprising sidewall faces which prevent deformation of the deformable container during storage,

wherein said sidewall faces are configured to regulate a configuration of the deformable container in a configuration accommodated in the container loading part,

wherein the container storage box comprises a plurality of sidewall faces, at least two opposing ones of the plurality of sidewall faces regulating the configuration of the container and fixing a position of the container by contact-surface resistance with the container during storage, and

~~wherein a first pair of said at least two opposing sidewall faces not being parallel to each other, and a gap between the first pair of said at least two opposing sidewall faces is gradually tapered, and a second pair of said at least two opposing sidewall faces not being parallel to each other, and a gap between the second pair of said at least two opposing sidewall faces is gradually tapered~~

wherein sides of the toner container consist of a first, a second, a third, and a fourth pair of opposing sidewall faces, the first pair of sidewall faces not being parallel to each other, the second pair of sidewall faces not being parallel to each other, the third pair of sidewall faces not being parallel to each other, and the fourth pair of sidewall faces not being parallel to each other.

Claim 2 (Canceled)

Claim 3 (Original) The container storage box according to claim 1 characterized in that space is provided at an upper part of the container contained in the container storage box.

Claims 4-13 (Canceled)

Claim 14 (Previously Presented) The container storage box according to claim 1 characterized in that the container storage box comprises an indication about the contents of the container, and the container storage box with the indication being arranged so that a slanting one of said at least two opposing sidewall faces is placed upside.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented) The container storage box according to claim 1 characterized in that the container storage box comprises a first indication which identifies the contents of the container, and a second indication which indicates how to handle the container and the contents of the container, and the container storage box with the first and second indications being arranged so that the first indication is placed on one of said at least two opposing sidewall faces and the second indication is placed on the other face.

Claim 16 (Canceled)

Claim 17 (Original) The container storage box according to claim 1 characterized in that the sidewall faces are made of a sheet material which is bendable to form the container storage box, and perforations are provided on the sheet material without affecting a strength of the container storage box in an assembly state.

Claim 18 - 19 (Canceled)

Claim 20 (Previously Presented) The container storage box according to claim 1 characterized in that the container storage box comprises a partial lamination end, and rounded surfaces are provided at bending portions on a side of inner walls of the box and at the partial lamination end.

Claim 21 (Original) The container storage box according to claim 1 characterized in that the container storage box is made of either a cardboard material or a corrugated cardboard material.

Claim 22 (Original) The container storage box according to claim 1 characterized in that the deformable container is either a toner storage container or a developer storage container.

Claims 23 (New) The container storage box according to claim 1, further comprising: a top face and a bottom face, wherein the top face is connected to exactly two of said pairs of opposing sidewall faces, and the bottom face is connected to exactly two others of said pairs of opposing sidewall faces.